

**Minutes of the Jasper Community Arts Commission  
City of Jasper, Indiana  
March 7, 2006**

The regular meeting of the Jasper Community Arts Commission was held at 4:30 pm on Tuesday, March 7, 2006, at the Jasper Arts Center with President Michael Jones presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and then roll call was held with the following **Commission Members Present**: Gerald Gagne, Robin Norris, Doug Abbett, Mickey Seger, Ann Hilgefort, Michael Jones, Myra Schuetter, and Don Weisheit. **Commission Members Absent**: Don Routson, Sylvia Metzger, and Pat Thyen. **Staff Members Present**: Darla Blazey, Doreen Lechner, Donna Schepers, Kit Miracle, and Kelley Leuck. **Regional Services Coordinator**: Jill Watson. **Guests in Attendance**: City Attorney Sandy Hemmerlein.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the January 3, 2006 meeting were approved with the following correction. *Under Region 11 it should read, "The workshop was co-sponsored by the Indiana Non-Profit Resource Network."* **Ann Hilgefort** made the motion to accept the minutes as amended. **Myra Schuetter** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

**City Financial Statement**

**Jerry Gagne** moved to approve the financial statement. **Don Weisheit** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

**City Claims and Regional Partnership Grant Claims**

City claims in the amount of \$24,780.43 were presented. Regional Partnership Grant claims in the amount of \$2,012.00 were presented. After conclusion of discussion, it was moved by **Jerry Gagne** to accept the claims as presented. **Don Weisheit** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Visual Arts Report**

Kit reported.

- Irena Illina was very well received. Jasper High School students visited the exhibit.
- The art classes at the satellite art space are finishing up.
- The kiln has been installed and is working.
- The high school exhibit for Youth Art Month has been hung. Approximately 200 people attended the reception for high school students. The middle school exhibit will be hung on March 15. The reception will be held on March 19<sup>th</sup>.
- The 4-H ceramics classes have started. 40 students have signed up to attend the classes. All available space at the satellite space is now being used.
- The Chihuly and Tiffany art lecture has been rescheduled for Sunday March 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Artist's portfolios have been arriving for review.
- The summer art classes are being planned.
- An outdoor painting event is being scheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Azalea Patch in Petersburg.

**Education Report**

Donna reported.

- Kathleen Gaffney was here in February for the Professional Development training. 39 teachers attended. 19 attended the full day seminar; 20 attended the half-day seminar.
- The Junie B. Jones school performance has held on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. It was the largest response for a school show. There were approximately 2,237 students in grades K-5 attending the four shows. There were also 161 teachers. Participants represented 11 different schools. Six schools were outside the Greater Jasper School Corporation. There were approximately 25 arts ambassadors (volunteers).

- There was a workshop held before the Portland Taiko performance on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Japanese students from the Jasper High School demonstrated fish printing, calligraphy, Japanese language, and origami. Approximately 35 people attended.
- Portland Taiko was also in the schools on March 6<sup>th</sup> at the middle school; about 1,200 students participated from three schools. A percussion workshop for 30 high school percussion students was held.
- The Anne Frank performance will be on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am and 1:00 pm. Five schools will be participating.
- The Miracle Worker will be held on March 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:30. Four schools are scheduled to attend.
- The education committee meeting will be held on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm.

### **Building and Structures Report**

Doreen reported.

- The seats in the auditorium are wearing out. The springs in some of the seats are coming out. Parts can no longer be found to repair them.
- Dance Central Academy of Performing Arts will be a new rental, beginning this summer. Carolyn Berkman-Randolph is the owner. She will be offering a princess camp and two musical theater camps this summer. Starting on August 7<sup>th</sup> she will start offering ballet, tap, jazz, hip-hop, clogging, musical theater, and preschool classes.

### **Region 11 Report**

Jill reported.

- Arts Day at the statehouse was a good way to show appreciation to legislators who are supporting the arts. The JCAC and Region 11 were well represented.
- The Arts Advocacy workshop will be rescheduled due to a scheduling conflict of the presenter.
- 30 people attended the Fundraising workshop held last month.
- The deadline for organizations to submit a letter of intent for Regional Grant funding was February 17<sup>th</sup>. 17 requests were received, totaling \$74,650 in requests. \$23,000 should be available through the IAC Regional Arts Partnership. March 31<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for formal grant applications.

### **Performing Arts Report**

Darla reported.

- Dorothy Ilgen, the Indiana Arts Commission executive director, will be retiring on July 31<sup>st</sup>.
- The 2006/2007 series is being planned. The committee met in January and will meet again this month.
- Darla thanked everyone that volunteered last month, especially with the Lincoln Dinner.

### **Chalk Walk Arts Festival Report**

Darla reported.

- The Chalk Walk Arts Festival will be held on May 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Activities will include: chalking, several hands-on activities, the ArtsMarket, entertainment, food booths, and artwork displays in the downtown windows.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Darla reported.

- Richard Pearson, the new curator of the train depot, has contacted Darla. He gave her information about the Artrain, which will be traveling through the Midwest in 2007. It is a nationally touring art museum that is in five railroad cars. Four would include exhibits, and one car would be an art studio. Usual visits last about five days. The Artrain was in Jasper in 1981. Seven staff members travel with the train. Local people would need to be trained as docents for the exhibit, as well as volunteer artists would be needed to work in the studio setting. Average attendance is 4,000 people. School visits are always part of the program. The current exhibit is themed with Native American artwork. The fee to bring the Artrain to a community is \$10,000-

\$15,000. After some discussion, it was decided to have Myra Schuetter research the subject more.

**Adjournment**

**Jerry Gagne** made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:40pm, **Ann Hilgefort** seconded. Motion passed 8-0. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday April 4, 2006, at 4:30 pm.

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**Mike Jones – President**

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**Attested**